GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2981
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IRREGULARITY IN PDS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether significant portion of the subsidized foodgrains, kerosene oil and sugar etc. has not reached the beneficiaries as has been brought out by the C&AG in its Report No.3 of 2000 (Civil) in para 1.8;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made into the causes and mode of diversion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a): Yes Sir. The Comptroller and Auditor General in its Report No. 3 of 2000 (Civil) inpara 1.8, has observed that a significant portion of the subsidized foodgrains and other essential commodities did not reach the beneficiaries due to their diversion in the open market. No firm estimates, however, existed regarding the magnitude of diversion.

(b)&(c): Irregularities pointed out in the CAG Report have been forwarded to the StateGovernments/UT Administrations to look into the points pertaining to them and take necessary remedial action. The State Governments/Uts have submitted the action taken report which have been sent to the CAG.